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AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE FROM RANGOON SEP 04 REPEATED YOU:

QUOTE

S E C R E T RANGOON 2067

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR MOPS MARR BM IS

SUBJECT: ISRAELI PULLBACK FROM SUEZ CANAL PREDICTED

1. ISRAELI AMBASSADOR ARIEH ELIAN MADE FAREWELL CALL ON DEFENSE ATTACHE SEPTEMBER 4 PRIOR TO LEAVING FOR HIS NEXT ASSIGNMENT, TO FINALD. DURING DISCUSSION EILAN COMMENTED THAT AFTER THE ISRAELI ELECTIONS AND AFTER THE UNGA SESSION THIS FALL, ISRAEL WILL PULL BACK FROM THE SUEZ CANAL. HE SAID THAT PULL BACK WILL BE BY BOTH ISRAEL AND EGYPT AND THAT SUEZ CANAL WILL BE OPEN BY MIDDLE OF 1974. HE ADDED THAT PRIME MINISTER GOLDA MEIR CONSENTED TO REMAIN IN OFFICE ONLY BECAUSE SHE WAS THE ONLY PERSON WITH ENOUGH STATURE IN GOI WHO COULD ENGINEER THE MUTUAL PULL BACK OF THE TWO ARMED FORCES AND SURVIVE IN ISRAELI POLITICS.

2. COMMENT: AMBASSADOR EILAN SPOKE AS IF HE WAS SURE THAT PULL BACK WOULD TAKE PLACE. HE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE ISRAELI DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR SEVERAL YEARS, AND AMBASSADOR TO BURMA FOR PAST THREE YEARS. EMBASSY

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INCLINED BELIEVE ELIAN. WHO MEASURES HIS WORDS RATHER CAREFULLY

AND MAY AGAIN SERVE AT THIS YEAR'S UNGA, WOULD NOT HAVE MADE
STATEMENT WITHOUT GOOD GROUNDS FOR FEELING THAT HE WAS CORRECT.

3. DEPARTMENT PLEASE REPEAT TO OTHER POSTS AS DESIRED.
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